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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 8.

Please cancel claim 9 to depend on claim 18.

Please cancel claims 10 to 17.

Please add new claims 18 to 26 as follows:

--18. A convertible (101) with a roof (102), which can be stowed in the rear region (103) of the vehicle beneath a lid part (104), it being possible to open and close the lid part (104), on the one hand, for unblocking an opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), adjacent to the front end region (115) of the lid part (104) and, on the other, for unblocking an opening (108) for luggage, adjacent to the rear end region (109) of the lid part (104), an auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) being disposed beneath the lid part (104) and connected in the, in the driving direction (F), pre-disposed area over a multiple joint (114; 114.1) with the lid part

(104) and mounted moveably with respect to the vehicle body in its rear region (112; 112.1), wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1), during the unblocking of the opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), is held in an opened position, which increases the distance between the lid part (104) and the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) in comparison to the distance in the closed position, wherein at least one elongated hole, functioning as a sliding block guide (123; 124; 123.1) is constructed for shifting the joint point or points (118, 119, 118.1, 119.1) assigned to the auxiliary frame (111, 111.1).

19. A convertible (101) with a roof (102), which can be stowed in the rear region (103) of the vehicle beneath a lid part (104), it being possible to open and close the lid part (104), on the one hand, for unblocking an opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), adjacent to the front end region (115) of the lid part (104) and, on the other, for unblocking an opening (108) for luggage, adjacent to the rear end region (109) of the lid part (104), an auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) being disposed beneath the lid part (104) and connected in the, in the driving direction (F), pre-disposed area over a multiple joint (114; 114.1) with the lid part (104) and mounted moveably with respect to the vehicle body in its rear region (112; 112.1), wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1), during the unblocking of the opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), is held in an opened position,

which increases the distance between the lid part (104) and the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) in comparison to the distance in the closed position, wherein two joint points (118, 119) in the auxiliary frame (111) are held in two elongated holes (123; 124), which extend essentially linearly and, in the closed position, in the driving direction.

20. The convertible of claim 19, wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1) is a quadruple joint, two joint points (116, 117; 116.1, 117.1) being assigned to the lid part (104) and two further joint points (118, 119; 118.1, 119.1) being assigned to the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1).

21. A convertible (101) with a roof (102), which can be stowed in the rear region (103) of the vehicle beneath a lid part (104), it being possible to open and close the lid part (104), on the one hand, for unblocking an opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), adjacent to the front end region (115) of the lid part (104) and, on the other, for unblocking an opening (108) for luggage, adjacent to the rear end region (109) of the lid part (104), an auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) being disposed beneath the lid part (104) and connected in the, in the driving direction (F), pre-disposed area over a multiple joint (114; 114.1) with the lid part (104) and mounted moveably with respect to the vehicle body in its rear region

(112; 112.1), wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1), during the unblocking of the opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), is held in an opened position, which increases the distance between the lid part (104) and the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) in comparison to the distance in the closed position, wherein two joint points (118, 119) in the auxiliary frame (111) are held in two elongated holes (123; 124), which extend essentially linearly and, in the closed position, in the driving direction, and wherein, in the closed position of the lid part (104), the joint points (118, 119) are held in elongated holes (123; 124) in an extreme front position and, during the opening process of the lid part (104), for unblocking the opening (107) for the passage of the roof, initially can be shifted in a rearward direction and, as the opening process is continued, can be shifted once again in the direction of the extreme front region.

22. The convertible of claim 22, wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1) is a quadruple joint, two joint points (116, 117; 116.1, 117.1) being assigned to the lid part (104) and two further joint points (118, 119; 118.1, 119.1) being assigned to the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1).

23. A convertible (101) with a roof (102), which can be stowed in the rear region (103) of the vehicle beneath a lid part (104), it being possible to open

and close the lid part (104), on the one hand, for unblocking an opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), adjacent to the front end region (115) of the lid part (104) and, on the other, for unblocking an opening (108) for luggage, adjacent to the rear end region (109) of the lid part (104), an auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) being disposed beneath the lid part (104) and connected in the, in the driving direction (F), pre-disposed area over a multiple joint (114; 114.1) with the lid part (104) and mounted moveably with respect to the vehicle body in its rear region (112; 112.1), wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1), during the unblocking of the opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), is held in an opened position, which increases the distance between the lid part (104) and the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) in comparison to the distance in the closed position, wherein the joint (114.1) is a quadruple joint and two of the joint points (118.1; 119.1) are assigned to the lid part (104) and two further ones to the auxiliary frame (111.1), the joint points (118.1; 119.1), assigned to the auxiliary frame (111.1), being moveable in a common sliding-block guide (123.1).

24. The convertible of claim 23, wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1) is a quadruple joint, two joint points (116, 117; 116.1, 117.1) being assigned to the lid part (104) and two further joint points (118, 119; 118.1, 119.1) being assigned to the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1).

25. A convertible (101) with a roof (102), which can be stowed in the rear region (103) of the vehicle beneath a lid part (104), it being possible to open and close the lid part (104), on the one hand, for unblocking an opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), adjacent to the front end region (115) of the lid part (104) and, on the other, for unblocking an opening (108) for luggage, adjacent to the rear end region (109) of the lid part (104), an auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) being disposed beneath the lid part (104) and connected in the, in the driving direction (F), pre-disposed area over a multiple joint (114; 114.1) with the lid part (104) and mounted moveably with respect to the vehicle body in its rear region (112; 112.1), wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1), during the unblocking of the opening (107) for the passage of the roof (102), is held in an opened position, which increases the distance between the lid part (104) and the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1) in comparison to the distance in the closed position, wherein the joint (114.1) is a quadruple joint and two of the joint points (118.1; 119.1) are assigned to the lid part (104) and two further ones to the auxiliary frame (111.1), the joint points (118.1; 119.1), assigned to the auxiliary frame (111.1), being moveable in a common sliding-block guide (123.1), and wherein the sliding-block guide (123.1) is curved upward.

26. The convertible of claim 25, wherein the multiple joint (114; 114.1) is a quadruple joint, two joint points (116, 117; 116.1, 117.1) being assigned to the lid part (104) and two further joint points (118, 119; 118.1, 119.1) being assigned to the auxiliary frame (111; 111.1).--

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 17 have been cancelled. Claim 9 has been amended. New claims 18 to 26 have been added. Accordingly, claims 9 and 18 to 26 remain in this application.

The Examiner's indication that claims 12 to 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims is gratefully acknowledged. Accordingly, this is what applicant has done. Thus, it will be seen that new claim 18 includes the subject matter of claims 8 and 12. Also claim 9 has been amended to depend on new claim 18. Accordingly, new claim 18 and amended claim 9 represent claim 12 in independent form.